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15 December 1950

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Dear Dr. Conant,

I wish to express to you and the members
of the Corporation of Harvard College my ap-
preciation of the leave of absence granted to
[redacted] for a period of service
with the Central Intelligence Agency.

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It is realised that [redacted] services
will be greatly missed by the University, but
the importance of intelligence to the security
of our country can not be over emphasised.

Please accept my gratitude for this gener-
ous and patriotic action of Harvard University.

Sincerely,

1st Harry Truman

Dr. James B. Conant
President
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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